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ANNUAL REPORT

For the Town of

EASTON, N. H.



Year ending December 31, 1974



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Town of Easton, New Hampshire
ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
Year Ended December 31, 1974

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EASTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Thomas Pancoast

TOWN CLERK
Virginia Leighton

TREASURER
Margaret Whitcomb

SELECTMEN
Glenn Kiedaisch - 1976
Durand Cooley - 1977
Dennis Ford - 1975

SUPERVISORS
Dianne Kiedaisch - 1978
Carol Westhaver - 1976
Linda Leighton - 1980

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Kenneth Westhaver

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
Margaret Whitcomb - 1975
Ruth Towne - 1977
Peg Kenney - 1976

CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Bill Zuk - 1977 Resigned
Wendell Silver - 1977
Helen Young - 1975
Cray Ball - 1976

TAX COLLECTOR
Marilyn Glover

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS
Harold Klumbach

POLICE OFFICER
David Shepard

AUDITOR
Susan Maltby

PLANNING BOARD
Glenn Kiedaisch - 1975
John Jerome - 1978
Russell Towne - 1977
Jack Kenney - 1976
Dean Clark - 1979

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Dean Clark - 1979
Jon Putnam, Chm. - 8/1/75
Harold Klumbach - 8/1/77
Ion Whitcomb - 8/1/76
John Sykes - 8/1/78



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton,
qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on
Tuesday, March 4th, 1975, at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be
open from 1:00 to 6:00 P. M.

To act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid:
Town's Share: \$52.51
State Share: \$350.09
and raise money for same.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and
other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in
accordance with the following schedule, and to raise and appro-
priate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$250.00
Selectman	200.00
Selectman	200.00
Tax Collector	200.00
Town Clerk	200.00
Treasurer	200.00
Auditor	25.00

If approved it is understood that the selectmen and the other officers
will receive no fees or any other compensation for their services
except the usual and necessary expenses incurred by them in con-
nection with their official duties, except the Town Clerk.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate
the sum of \$201.76 to the White Mountain Regional Association;
\$286.74 to the Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill Chamber of Com-
merce.

Article 5. To see what action the voters wish to take to contribute \$115.00 to North Country Home Health Agency and \$125.00 to the White Mountain Community Service.

Article 6. To see if the Town voters are willing to spend a portion of Fire-Police protection appropriation for the installation of two or three Dry Fire Hydrants.

Article 7. To Appropriate a Sum for the Town's Share of operation of the North Country Council. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$121.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1975. These funds will be used for financing staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance to member communities, in coordination with local, State, and Federal agencies, and other programs of the Council. These funds may be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to use U.S. Revenue Sharing Funds, if available, for Town Road purposes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 toward the Centennial Celebration scheduled 1976.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$350.00 for Cemetery maintenance.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying town charges in anticipation of taxes, if necessary.

Article 12. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$300 to be used for the Franconia Recreation Program.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the Road Equipment Fund to a Solid Waste Disposal Fund to be used at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Article 14. To see if the Town will support the policy statement issued by the Planning Board on January 6, 1975, which is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Article 15. To see if the voters will approve, at the discretion of the selectmen, to allow public dancing in the Town Hall provided that the dances are adequately supervised by the town police chief or deputy.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 36A, and that the Selectmen shall appoint said commission, to consist of three to seven members, within 30 days of the said annual meeting, and the said selectmen shall also designate, for the purpose of calling the first commission meeting, a temporary chairman.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to set wages of all non-salaried town employees at no less than minimum wage.

Article 18. To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration.

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take on Resolution A and Resolution B-1 to comply with Federal Flood Insurance Regulations.

Article 20. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as is stated in the proposal budget for repairs to the Town highways and bridges, general expense of highways, snow removal, maintenance of the Town buildings, Officers' salaries and expenses and other town charges.

Article 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Glenn Kiedaisch
Durand Cooley
Dennis Ford

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	\$55,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Library and Equipment	1,500.00
Town Equipment	150.00
<u>Total</u>	\$58,650.00

EASTON CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

In the summer of 1976, Easton's Centennial will be observed.

A group of dedicated citizens with Mrs. Ruth Towne, chairman of the History Committee, and Mr. David M. Osher, Franconia College faculty member in history, and members of his class, are searching the Grafton County Court House records covering subjects of Forest Industries, Farming, Schools, Civil War Soldiers and Morman Settlement.

The returned questionnaires expressing suggestions for 1976 celebration were gratefully received. They give inspiration to continue this project.

The financial fund:	2 yr. Certificate of Deposit	\$ 363.02
	Savings Bank Account	791.81
	Checking Account	179.57
		\$1,334.40

Several former residents, now living elsewhere, have stated that they would be happy to share in making Easton's 1976 Centennial a joyous occasion long to be remembered.

(Mrs.) Helen J. Young
Co-chairman

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1975
COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR 1974

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	1,100.00
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00	150.00
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Buildings and Utilities	800.00	900.00
Insurance	700.00	862.00
Police and Fire Department	1,500.00	1,500.00
Health Officer	5.00	5.00
Dump	200.00	200.00
Town Maintenance-Summer & Winter	2,000.00	4,500.00
TRA	52.73	52.51
Library	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare	50.00	50.00
Town Cemetery	800.00	350.00
Abatements	200.00	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	301.76	488.50
Advertising & Legal Fees	100.00	200.00
White Mtn. Community Services	125.00	125.00
North Country Home Health Agency	100.00	115.00
North Country Council	-----	121.00
Franconia Recreation Association	-----	300.00
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	300.00
Conservation Commission	-----	50.00
Property Assessing	250.00	250.00
Bond and Debt Retirement Tax	250.00	-----
County Tax	4,500.00	5,000.00
School Taxes	18,000.00	22,500.00
<u>Total</u>	\$38,059.49	\$40,744.06

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON

Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year, January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975 compared with the estimated and actual revenue of the previous year, January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	ESTIMATED 1974	ACTUAL 1974	ESTIMATED 1975
<u>From State:</u>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,592.17	\$ 1,200.00
Nat'l Forest Reserve Fund	2,500.00	3,067.76	2,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	80.00	129.93	80.00
Business Profit Tax	15.00	14.48	10.00
Highway Subsidy	850.00	2,087.55	850.00
Room and Meals Tax	600.00	849.90	700.00
U.S. Revenue Sharing	1,800.00	1,800.00	-----
<u>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</u>			
Dog Licenses	100.00	103.00	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	2,531.32	2,000.00
Town Maps, \$1.50 ea.	7.50	7.50	6.00
<u>Cash Surplus:</u>	5,000.00	9,821.81	4,000.00
<u>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</u>			
Yield Taxes	2,250.00	2,243.12	500.00
Residence Taxes	800.00	750.00	750.00
<u>Total Revenue from all Sources</u>			
<u>Except Property Taxes:</u>	\$17,502.50	\$24,998.54	\$12,696.00
<u>Amount to be raised by</u>			
<u>Property Taxes:</u>			\$28,048.06
<u>Due School District</u>			\$ 9,192.25

Estimates of Expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975, compared with the actual Expenditures and Appropriations of the past year January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	ESTIMATED 1974	ACTUAL 1974	ESTIMATED 1975
<u>General Government:</u>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 1,525.10	\$ 1,275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	1,060.25	1,100.00
Election & Registration Exp.	250.00	175.53	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and other			
Town Buildings and Utilities	800.00	758.60	900.00
Sewage System	3,000.00	2,762.13	-----
Capital Kitchen Improvement	2,500.00	-----	-----
<u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u>			
Insurance	700.00	702.00	862.00
Police and Fire Department	1,500.00	346.32	1,500.00
<u>Health:</u>			
Health Officer	5.00	5.00	5.00
Dump	200.00	200.00	200.00
<u>Highways & Bridges:</u>			
Town Maintenance -			
Summer & Winter	2,000.00	6,813.31	4,500.00
TRA	52.73	52.73	52.51
Library:	150.00	150.00	150.00
<u>Public Welfare:</u>			
Town Poor	50.00	-----	50.00
<u>Town Cemetery:</u>	800.00	553.38	350.00
<u>Unclassified:</u>			
Abatements	200.00	232.84	200.00
Chamber of Commerce	301.76	301.76	488.50
Advertising & Legal Fees	100.00	195.29	200.00
White Mtn. Community Services	125.00	125.00	125.00
North Country Home Health Ag.	100.00	100.00	115.00
North Country Council	-----	110.00	121.00
Franconia Rec. Ass'n	-----	300.00	300.00
Littleton Hosp. Bldg. Fund	-----	100.00	-----
Easton Centennial Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00
Conservation Commission	-----	-----	50.00
<u>Payments of Other Governmental</u>			
<u>Divisions:</u>			
Property Assessing	250.00	159.26	250.00
Bond and Debt Retirement Tax	250.00	-----	-----
County Tax	4,500.00	4,508.00	5,000.00
School Taxes	18,000.00	22,688.18	22,500.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$38,059.49</u>	<u>\$44,224.68</u>	<u>\$40,744.06</u>

INVENTORY OF 1974

Land	\$ 941,425.00
Buildings	1,516,250.09
Electric Power Lines	159,400.00
Trailers	18,550.00
Boats	<u>375.00</u>
Total Gross Valuation	\$ 2,636,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$ 2,636,000.00
Less Veteran's Exemptions	450.00
Property Tax	31,266.90
Residence Tax	840.00
Yield Tax	<u>2,243.12</u>
Total Taxes for Collection	\$ 34,350.02

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Cash Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1974	\$ 20,092.02
Residence Tax	80.00
Accounts Due Town - Uncollected Taxes	2,036.53
Capital Reserve Fund	1,164.35
Road Equipment Fund	2,506.89
Timber Tax Deposit	2,568.80
Revenue Sharing Fund	77.94
Kitchen Fund	2,500.00
Hydrant Fund	1,186.89
Communications Fund	<u>1,150.00</u>
Total Assets	\$ 33,363.42

LIABILITIES

Road Equipment Fund	2,506.89
Capital Reserve Fund (To offset Assets above)	1,164.35
Due Lafayette Regional School District	9,191.25
Timber Tax Deposit (To offset Assets above)	2,568.80
Revenue Sharing Fund	77.94
Kitchen Fund	2,500.00
Hydrant Fund	1,186.89
Communications Fund	<u>1,150.00</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 20,346.12
Excess Assets	<u>\$ 13,017.30</u>

Tax Rate:

On \$100.00 valuation is \$1.20



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

1974 was a year that saw drastic changes in the economy of the nation and of Easton as well. The Lafayette Regional School District, of which we are a member, voted to join with the Town of Bethlehem to form the Profile Regional School District and to build a new school to educate grades 7-12. The total economic impact on Easton is yet to be determined but we do know that we can expect an increase in school expense.

The present dump operated by the Town of Franconia, will be closed by Federal regulations as of June 30 of this year. Unless another extension is granted by the government, we will have to make some other arrangements for solid waste disposal. We are presently working with the North Country Council in conjunction with other towns in the area to develop a community disposal facility. This also will increase the expenses of the Town.

Of concern to everyone is the possibility of I-93 being routed through Easton. We are heartened by the offensive being mounted by the Planning Board under John Jerome. Every resident of this town has a stake in this fight and its outcome. We ask that the voters adopt Article 16 to form a conservation committee which will offer further protection in this area.

The balance of the Police and Fire appropriation has been set aside to install three dry hydrants. The Soil Conservation Service which supplies the hydrants and supervises their installation, had exhausted their supply last fall, but we are planning to have them installed in the spring.

The town appropriated \$2500 to remodel the Town Hall kitchen. Several of the builders and carpenters in town offered to donate their labor for the project. Plans were presented to the Selectmen by the Building committee. No action was taken on the project due to opposition to the plans by several townspeople. Some progress has been made to come up with a workable plan, and it is hoped that we will be able to complete the project soon.

Easton has received a grant of \$1150 from the Governors Commission on Crime for the purchase of a police radio. This will allow instant communications between our police department and the State and County police.

The State Legislature has enacted a law requiring all towns in the state to have a tax map by the year 1980. The Selectmen and Planning Board have been looking into just what is required by law and ways that we can comply with the regulation.

We hope that all of you find your way through these difficult times and that in doing so we may enter our centennial year as a strong and united town in the true spirit of '76.

Sincerely,

Glenn Kiedaisch
Dennis Ford
Durand Cooley



POLICE REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 1974

Accidents: Involving Motor Vehicles, 7 reported and processed.
Robberies: 4 reported and investigated (house breaks). 1 stolen car found on Rte. 116 and returned to owner.
Speed Warnings: 4 Issued

The Police Department has recently received funds through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purchase of a two-way radio.

There were numerous dog complaints during the year which had to be taken care of.

David L. Shepard
Police Chief

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property, Resident and Yield Taxes Levy of 1974

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$ 31,266.90	
Resident Taxes	<u>840.00</u>	
Total Warrants		\$ 32,106.90
Yield Taxes		2,243.12
Added Taxes:		
Resident Taxes		10.00
Overpayments During Year:		
a/c Property Taxes		6.15
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		<u>2.00</u>
Total Debits		\$ 34,368.17

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$ 29,236.52	
Resident Taxes	760.00	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>2.00</u>	
		\$ 29,998.52
Abatements Made During Year:		
Resident Taxes		10.00
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1974:		
(As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	2,036.53	
Resident Taxes	80.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>2,243.12</u>	
		<u>4,359.65</u>
Total Credits		\$ 34,368.17

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Property, Resident and Yield Taxes
Levy of 1973

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1974:			
Property Taxes	\$	219.71	
Resident Taxes		<u>80.00</u>	
	\$		299.71
Interest Collected on Property Taxes		1.18	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		<u>6.00</u>	
			<u>7.18</u>
Total Debits	\$		306.89

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Ended December 31, 1974:			
Property Taxes	\$	219.71	
Resident Taxes		60.00	
Interest Collected During Year		1.18	
Penalties on Resident Taxes		<u>6.00</u>	
	\$		286.89
Abatements Made During Year:			
Resident Taxes			<u>20.00</u>
Total Credits	\$		306.89

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - LEVY OF 1974

Property Taxes:

Amsbury, Doug	\$ 220.00
Baum, Arthur	39.00
Bluin, Herbert	203.40
Cameron, C.J.	55.80
Garvey, John	19.80
Glover, R.K.	183.00
Glover, Wilfred (heirs of)	262.20
Goodhue, Wm.	176.40
Hankins, Leslie	15.60
Wilcox, Joseph	177.60
Williams, Norman	18.00
" "	36.00
" "	36.00
Glover, Robert	43.20
*Foley, Robert	72.60
*Buxton, Frank	327.60
*Mitchell, Charlotte	18.00
*Williams, Norman	132.00

Total \$ 2,036.20

Residence Taxes:

Re', Peter	\$ 10.00
McMillen, Bucky	10.00
Wharton, Richard	10.00
Spencer, Jeff	10.00
Miller, John	10.00
*Wilcox, Karen	10.00
*Wilcox, Joseph	10.00
*Dzuback, Maryanne	10.00

Total \$ 80.00

*Paid after December 31, 1974

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1974, on account of tax levy of 1974, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Marilyn Glover
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1974 Auto Permits - 149	\$ 2,529.82
1974 Dog Licenses - 36	103.00
Town Maps sold - 6	9.00
Filing Fees	<u>8.00</u>
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 2,649.82

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Leighton
Town Clerk



TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974	\$ 16,751.45
Durand B. Cooley, Tax Collector	286.89
Marilyn Glover, Tax Collector	29,998.52
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	2,649.82
Selectmen of Easton:	
Gun Permits	6.00
State of New Hampshire:	
Business Profits Tax	14.48
Highway Subsidy	2,087.55
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,592.17
Rooms and Meals Tax	849.90
Savings Bank Tax	120.93
White Mountains National Forest	3,067.76
Governor's Commission on Crime	1,150.00
State Forest Fire Training	33.21
Littleton National Bank - refund	.40
Deposits on Timber Tax	500.00
White Mountain Community Services - refund	100.00
United States Treasury - Revenue Sharing	1,800.00
Total	\$ 61,009.08
Deposited in Special Account to gather interest, then returned to checking account for expenses	994.65
	\$ 62,003.73
Paid on Account of 143 Selectmen's orders	52,181.92
Cash Balance on Hand, January 1, 1975	\$ 9,821.81

Interest paid on above special account as of January 1, 1975	279.69
Revenue Sharing Account plus interest " " " " "	77.94
Road Equipment plus interest " " " " "	2,506.89
Communications Equipment Fund " " " " "	1,150.00
Timber Tax Account " " " " "	2,568.80
Kitchen Fund " " " " "	2,500.00
Dry Hydrant Fund " " " " "	1,186.89

Total	\$ 20,092.02
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Margaret T. Whitcomb
Treasurer



STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1974

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,530.10
Town Officers' Expenses	1,060.25
Election & Registration	175.53
Town Hall Expenses	3,520.73
Police & Fire Protection	346.32
Protection of Persons & Property	702.00
Health Department	200.00
Town Road Maintenance	6,504.76
Town Road Aid	361.28
Library	150.00
Donation & Promotion	1,036.76
Legal Expenses & Abatements	395.29
Cemetery	553.38
Taxes Collected & State Appraisals	159.26
County Tax	4,508.00
School Tax	22,688.18
Centennial	300.00
Littleton Savings Bank	7,990.08

Total of Payments	\$ 52,181.92
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

Robert Wutzdorff, Selectman	\$ 43.53
Glenn Kiedaisch, Selectman	250.00
Durand Cooley, Selectman	181.48
Heinz Schultz, Selectman	450.00
Margaret Whitcomb, Treasurer	200.00
Virginia Leighton, Town Clerk	200.00
Dianne Kiedaisch, Auditor	25.00
Marilyn Glover, Tax Collector	180.09
	\$ 1,530.10

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

N. H. Town Clerk Association, Dues	\$ 8.00
N. H. Municipal Association, Dues	100.00
Virginia Leighton, License Fees	135.50
Colleen Moore, Typing & Town Reports	18.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Reports & Dog Tags	99.40
Robert Wutzdorff, Expenses	27.24
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports & Ballots	324.50
V. J. Toth, Tax Collector Assoc., Dues	10.00
Heinz Schultz, Expenses	77.31
Branham Public Co., Auto Reference Book	8.95
Harold Klumbach, Expenses	1.76
Homestead Press, Tax Bills	22.26
Margaret Whitcomb, Expenses	16.63
Durand Cooley, Expenses	19.25
Glenn Kiedaisch, Expenses	28.66
N. H. Association of Assessors	40.00
Virginia Leighton, Expenses	10.04
Littleton Office Supply	1.05
Linda Leighton, Salary & Expenses	87.80
Marilyn Glover, Expenses	23.90
	\$ 1,060.25

Detail 3. Election & Registration

Mary Zuk, Moderator, 3 meetings	15.00
Dianne Kiedaisch, Supervisor	25.50
Carol Westhaver, Supervisor	25.50
Miriam Wutzdorff, Supervisor	42.00
Miriam Wutzdorff, Expenses	4.53

Dolores Klumbach	1.50
Kenneth Westhaver	1.50
Margaret Kenney	7.50
Susan Maltby	15.00
Helene Schultz	15.00
Ilse Gerson	15.00
Olive Nelson	7.50

\$ 175.53

Detail 4. Town Hall Expenses

Mowing	\$ 32.00
Franconia Hardware	21.80
Franconia Gas Corp.	338.52
New England Tel. & Tel.	169.46
Public Service Company of N. H.	51.35
Community Oil Company	215.76
Wendell Silver, Maintenance	18.73
Fred Hunt, Sewer Maintenance	1,788.50
R. Willie, Drafting	180.50
Tetreault Salvage	704.11

\$ 3,520.73

Detail 5. Police & Fire Protection

Durand Cooley, Fire School Expenses	\$ 71.97
Franconia Hardware, Supplies	2.10
David Shepard, Mileage, Police Work & Postage	249.25
Courier Printing Company	23.00

\$ 346.32

Detail 6. Protection of Persons & Property

Concord Group Insurance, Liability	\$ 28.00
Workman's Compensation	66.00
Hunkins & Eaton, Town Officers' Bonds	219.00
Town Hall Insurance	389.00

\$ 702.00

Detail 7. Health Department

Franconia Town Dump	\$ 200.00
	\$ 200.00

Detail 8. Town Road Maintenance

David Hunt, Summer Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Robert Peckett, Winter Maintenance	3,074.95
Robert Peckett, Summer Maintenance	2,487.38
Twin Mountain Sand & Gravel Co.	81.00
N. H. Bituminous, Oil	732.93
Town of Franconia	16.00
Tetreault Salvage	22.50
	\$ 6,504.76

Detail 9. Town Road Aid

N. H. State Treasurer	\$ 52.73
Robert Peckett	308.55
	\$ 361.28

Detail 10. Library

Library	\$ 150.00
	\$ 150.00

Detail 11. Donation & Promotion

White Mountain Regional Association	\$ 201.76
Franconia-Easton-Sugar Hill Chamber of Commerce	100.00
White Mountain Community Services	125.00
North Country Home Health Association	100.00
North Country Council	110.00
Franconia Recreation Association	300.00
Littleton Hospital Building Fund	100.00
	\$ 1,036.76

Detail 12. Legal Expenses & Abatements

Courier Printing Company, Revenue Sharing Ads	\$ 56.00
Courier Printing Company, Legal Ads	96.45
Durand Cooley, Tax Abatement	182.84
Estle, Martin, Thomas & Hennessy	10.00
Glenn Kiedaisch, Tax Abatement	50.00
	\$ 395.29

Detail 13. Cemetery

William Zuk, Work	\$ 37.88
Johnson's Texaco, Lawnmower parts	2.15
H & H Outdoorland, Lawnmower	94.95
Robert Peckett	254.40
Wendell Silver	125.50
Robert Peckett, Loam	38.50
	\$ 553.38

Detail 14. Taxes Collected & State Appraisals

State Treas. Property Appraisal	\$ 158.64
Dept. of Revenue Administration Tax Appraisal	.62
	\$ 159.26

Detail 15. County Tax

County Tax	\$ 4,508.00
	\$ 4,508.00

Detail 16. School Tax

Profile School District	\$ 1,068.21
Lafayette School District	21,619.97
	\$ 22,688.18

Detail 17. Centennial

Centennial 1976	\$ 300.00
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	\$ 300.00
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Detail 18. Littleton Savings Bank

Savings Account to earn interest	\$ 7,990.08
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Total	\$ 52,181.92
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The following is a report from the North Country Council regarding its activities on a regional and local basis. The Council's Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Selectmen include this report in their official Town Report. NCC's representatives have received a copy of this report and are requested to change it as they see fit.

Report to the Town of Easton from the North Country Council

The North Country Council (NCC) is the official planning organization (RSA 36: 45-53) for the North Country. The Council undertakes area-wide planning programs, when appropriate, and provides community planning services and information to Towns. The Council's Board of Directors, two representatives from each of the 19 Member Towns, determines the work program and budget.

During 1974, the Council completed an Economic Base Study, assisted 30 Towns in solid waste by organizing site inspections and planning by providing information on volume, cost and transportation of solid waste. The Council also prepared a model Town Kit Fact Book, and a model flood district ordinance. The Council is preparing a Public Transportation Plan for the North Country and has submitted an application to the Federal Highway Administration for a rural transportation demonstration project. NCC has updated the State's Outdoor Recreation Plan for the North Country. This enables communities to maintain eligibility for federal funds. The Council has sponsored meetings and conferences on flood insurance, solid waste, land use, and septic tank disposal.

While working with the Town of Easton, the Council has met with the Planning Board to provide information on state planning statutes. The Council is assisting Easton, along with other Towns, in solid waste planning. The Council hopes to coordinate four towns regarding the preservation of the Gale River Watershed. We are available to assist the Planning Board in gathering data relative to the I-93 Environmental Impact Statement.

What's in store for the future? NCC hopes to continue its work with the Town by providing an on-going program of planning services and information in order to help the Town cope with potential growth. NCC is developing legal information on land use which is available to Member Towns. The Council is also a point of information and assistance for potential sources of federal funding. In conclusion, the North Country Council hopes to continue working on a regular basis in areas of local and area-wide concern.

cc: NCC Representatives

EASTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT - 1974

The Bookmobile made three trips to Easton in 1974. We borrowed 510 books from it. Adult fiction 256, Non-Fiction 164 and Youth and Juvenile 90.

With the appropriation 14 books were purchased and 24 were donated. We thank those who donated books and magazines.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Towne gave a very nice chair to the library for the comfort of the Librarian and I wish to state it is greatly appreciated. Among others who donated books were Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Freedman, and the Sugar Hill Library. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Best donated Yankee Magazine. Mrs. Helen Young gave The History of Landaff, N. H., a very interesting book.

Approxiamately 80 paperbacks were also donated.

Number of visitors	120
Number of readers	24
Books loaned:	
Adult fiction	232
Adult non-fiction	122
Juvenile fiction	77
Juvenile non-fiction	<u>4</u>
Total	435
Paperbacks & magazines	25
Records	<u>10</u>
Total circulation	470

The library is open from 2:00 to 4:00 on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Virginia Leighton
Librarian

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 1974

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1974	\$ 163.15
Town Appropriation	150.00
Sale of book	<u>1.50</u>
<u>Total Receipts</u>	\$ 314.65

EXPENDITURES

Salary of Librarian	\$ 100.00	
Insurance	21.25	
Books purchased:		
Sea Faring America	16.95	
Treasures of America	12.45	
Wilderness U.S.A.	10.65	
The American Farmer	8.95	
Freezing & Canning Book	3.00	
Homemade Breads	3.00	
Two Acre Eden	4.00	
Christmas Idea Book	3.45	
Family Favorites from		
Country Kitchens	3.00	
Handi Books (5)	4.00	
Postage	<u>1.00</u>	
	\$ 191.70	<u>\$ 191.70</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1974		\$ 122.95



REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD ACTIVITIES 1974

After a period of relative inactivity, the Planning Board was re-constituted in October, with Dean Clark, John Jerome, Jack Kenney, Glenn Kiedaisch, Russell Towne, and Bob Wutzdorff as members. Dean Clark represents the Board of Adjustment, Glenn Kiediasch represents the Selectmen and Bob Wutzdorff is Alternate. John Jerome was elected chairman and Jack Kenney is secretary.

The Planning Board is currently studying future issues concerning the town, including flood insurance, tax maps, and continuing requests for subdivision permits, and will act on these matters in the coming year.

The Planning Board has asked the Town to approve the establishment of a Conservation Commission and nominated Doug McLain, Durand Cooley, Chris Jerome, David Osher and Dennis Ford to serve on that commission.

The bulk of the Planning Board's energies have been devoted to an attempt to prevent the extension of Interstate 93 through the Easton Valley, and in support of that has issued a statement of policy. Several open meetings of the Planning Board have been held to enlist Easton residents and property owners in this effort.

Planning Board meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Town Hall, and are open to all.

Respectfully yours,

John Jérôme
Chairman

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Building permits were issued to the following persons:

Thomas A. Ritzman
Glenn Kiedaisch
Durand Cooley
Joseph Portinari
Jack Kenney

I would like to thank all residents for their cooperation during 1974.

Suggestions concerning building permits will be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Robert Wutzdorff
Building Inspector

THE REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EASTON
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

1974

The voters of the Town of Easton appropriated the sum of \$800.00 for the care and improvement of the Kinsman Cemetery. Of this amount - \$254.40 paid for an excellent seal coat of tar on the cemetery road, work done by Robert P. Peckett.

William Zuk and Cray Ball were elected as new trustees. During the summer Mr. Zuk resigned and was replaced by Wendell Silver.

Flags were placed on 13 Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. One new Veteran's grave has been added - Mr. William Muser, a long time summer resident of Easton.

We now have 15 Trust Funds established for the care of the cemetery lots with Harold Klumbach as Trustee of the Trust Funds.

The Committee has 3 articles to recommend to put into the Town Warrant for voters to consider on Town Meeting Day.

- (1) An appropriation of \$450.00 for maintenance.
- (2) Anyone desiring a lot in the Kinsman Cemetery be willing to establish a trust fund to help care for the lot.
- (3) That artificial flowers be limited to one week before and one week after Memorial Day, then may be removed by the Custodian to facilitate care of the cemetery.

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	\$800.00
Paid by Cemetery Trust Funds	107.00
Paid by Town of Easton	<u>553.38</u>
Balance of Appropriation not spent	\$246.62

EXPENSES

Loam	\$ 38.50
Tarring Road	254.40
Mower Parts	2.15
New Mower	94.95
William Zuk, Labor	37.88
Wendell Silver, Labor	<u>232.50</u>
Total Expenses	\$660.38

TRUSTEES OF KINSMAN CEMETERY

Cray Ball
Helen J. Young
Wendell W. Silver



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON ON December 31, 1974

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	New Funds Created	Amt. of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance Income Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Income End of Year
1916	R. W. Young	Littleton Savings Bank	----	\$ 100.00	5-1/4%	\$ 12.41	\$ 6.12	\$ 5.50	\$ 13.03
1922	Peter Kinsman & Bernsley Edwards	Littleton Savings Bank	----	100.00	5-1/4%	23.31	6.73	6.00	24.04
1937	Orin G. Bowles	Littleton Savings Bank	----	200.00	5-1/4%	141.59	18.63	16.00	144.22
1947	Charles A. Young	Littleton Savings Bank	----	200.00	5-1/4%	35.18	12.82	10.00	38.00
1947	Arthur Pease	Littleton Savings Bank	----	114.00	5-1/4%	35.98	8.18	6.00	38.16
1954	Florence Pease	Littleton Savings Bank	----	200.00	5-1/4%	82.36	15.40	12.50	85.26
1966	Whitcomb & Tabbutt	Littleton Savings Bank	----	200.00	5-1/4%	37.90	12.98	12.00	38.88
1970	Raymond W. Whitcomb	Littleton Savings Bank	----	200.00	5-1/4%	13.08	11.62	10.00	14.70
1970	Harriet E. & Edson M. Bailey	Littleton Savings Bank	----	100.00	5-1/4%	8.67	5.92	5.00	9.59
1970	Leighton & Doodan	Littleton Savings Bank	----	71.25	5-1/4%	12.09	4.56	----	16.65
1971	William & Alice C. Muser	Littleton Savings Bank	----	100.00	5-1/4%	7.83	5.87	5.00	8.70
1971	Melvin H. & Idamae Bowles	Littleton Savings Bank	----	100.00	5-1/4%	5.49	5.76	3.00	8.25
1973	John W. & Carrie N. Leigher	Littleton Savings Bank	----	100.00	5-1/4%	2.06	5.58	----	7.64
1973	Russell & Ida Stevens	Littleton Savings Bank	----	50.00	5-1/4%	1.28	2.81	1.00	3.09
1974	Everett W. Bailey	Littleton Savings Bank	\$ 100.00	100.00	5-1/4%	----	2.67	----	2.67
1973	L. Gerard Paine	Littleton Savings Bank	----	750.00	6-1/2%	8.34	50.79	15.00	44.13
All of the above Trusts are for Cemetery Lot Care									
1945 & 1946	Town of Easton - Sinking Fund (Capital Reserve Fund)	Littleton Savings Bank	----	600.00	5-1/4%	1,053.45	110.90	----	1,164.35
TOTALS				\$ 100.00	\$3,285.25	\$1,481.02	\$287.34	\$107.00	\$1,661.36

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

All open burning when the ground is not covered with snow is controlled by the Town Forest Fire Warden in cooperation with the New Hampshire Forest Fire Service. Anyone wishing to kindle a fire out-of-doors when the ground is not covered with snow must have a written permit signed by the Town Forest Fire Warden. If the fire is to be kindled on land not owned by the person kindling the fire then he must have the permission of the landowner. No outdoor fires can be kindled between 9 AM and 5 PM, unless it is raining, without the additional approval of the District Forest Fire Chief.

The 1974 forest fire season was one of the worst in the past two decades. Woodlands in central and southern New Hampshire became so dry in mid August that the Governor and Council, upon the recommendation of the State Forester, enacted a partial woodlands closure in Sullivan, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Belknap Counties and a complete woodlands closure in Strafford and Rockingham Counties plus the Towns of Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton in Belknap County. Through the excellent cooperation of the citizens of our State, no major forest fire occurred at any time during the year.

1974 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	871	915
District	21	91
Town	0	0

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Durand B. Cooley
Easton, N. H.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard
Canaan, N. H.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION
TO BE USED WHEN APPLYING FOR FLOOD INSURANCE

Resolution A

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Meeting hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and
2. Vests (the Planning Board or Town Manager or other duly authorized Municipal Officer) with the responsibility, authority, and means to:
 - (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.
 - (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning Present uses and occupancy of the flood plain.
 - (c) Cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify flood plain or mudslide areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.
 - (d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.
3. Appoints the Building Inspector to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded.
4. Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

SAMPLE RESOLUTION
TO BE USED TO INDICATE THE BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEM
WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS ADOPTED AND THE
REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR THE SYSTEM

Resolution B-1

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Meeting of Easton, as follows:

1. The Town Meeting recommends that the Planning Board amend their regulations pertaining to the flood hazard area to assure that (i) all proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage, (ii) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and (iii) adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards; and
2. The Town Meeting recommends that the Planning Board amend their regulations pertaining to the flood hazard area to require new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding, pursuant to N. H. RSA 36:21.

BIRTHS -- 1974

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
November 26, 1974 Audrey Ellen Clark	F	Dean F. Clark	Patricia A. Gilbert	N. H.	N. H.



MARRIAGES -- 1974

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
March 27, 1974 Franconia, N. H.	Douglas McLane Susan C. Kelley	Easton, N. H. Easton, N. H.	Peter McLane Polly Smith Donald R. Kelley Patricia Hari	William Dearman Sugar Hill, N. H. Clergyman
September 7, 1974 Easton, N. H.	John W. Miller Joanne Kenney	Easton, N. H. Easton, N. H.	Donald B. Miller Emeline Fisher John W. Kenney Margaret Taylor	John E. Soleau Concord, Mass. Clergyman



DEATHS -- 1974

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Name of Mother
February 15, 1974 Concord, N. H.	Ezra Burbank	81	M	Bobbin maker	Ezra Burbank	Mary Flanders
July 21, 1974 Littleton, N. H.	Stanley C. Darvid	81	M	State Highway Dept.	Anthony Darvid	Agnes Schernosk



